

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,
Executive Department,
Raleigh, April 11, 1864.

Hon. JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War :

SIR:—I beg leave again to call your earnest attention to the importance of suspending the execution of the conscript law in the mountain counties of Western North-Carolina.

They are filled with tories and deserters, burning, robbing and murdering: they have been robbed and eaten out by Longstreet's command, and have lost their crops by being in the field nearly all the time trying to drive back the enemy. Now that Longstreet's command is removed, their condition will be altogether wretched, and hundreds will go to the enemy for protection and bread.

Please consider their condition, and relieve them if possible.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

Z. B. VANCE.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department,
Richmond, Va., April 23, 1864.

His Excellency, Z. B. VANCE,
Governor of North-Carolina,
Raleigh, N. C., :

SIR:—I have received your letter of the 11th inst. calling attention to the importance of suspending the execution of the conscript law in the mountain counties of Western North-Carolina.

In reply, I have the honor to say that grave doubt is entertained by the Department of the expediency of such appa-